

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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10. (New) An adjustable fit in-line skate comprising:
 - a frame having two spaced-apart, substantially parallel rails;
 - a plurality of in-line skate wheels secured between the rails of the frame, the in-line skate wheels including a front wheel mounted on a first axle, an intermediate wheel trailing the front wheel and mounted on a second axle, and a rear wheel trailing the intermediate wheel;
 - a boot including a heel portion and a toe portion;
 - the toe portion being slidable relative to the heel portion along a line of travel generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the skate;
 - the heel portion being attached at a longitudinal position relative to the frame; and
 - a single fastening member releasably securing the toe portion relative to the frame in a desired longitudinal position relative to the heel portion.
11. (New) The skate of claim 10, wherein the single fastening member is positioned at a location that trails the first axle and leads the second axle.
12. (New) The adjustable fit in-line skate of claim 10, wherein the single fastening member extends through a frame opening defined by the frame at a location between the rails of the frame.
13. (New) The adjustable fit in-line skate of claim 12, wherein the single fastening member extends through an elongated opening defined by a base of the toe portion, the elongated opening being elongated in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the skate.

14. (New) The adjustable fit in-line skate of claim 10, wherein the single fastening member includes a nut and a bolt.
15. (New) The adjustable fit in-line skate of claim 10, wherein the boot further includes a cuff portion pivotally connected to the heel portion.
16. (New) The adjustable fit in-line skate of claim 10, wherein the heel portion includes a sole and side walls that are integrally connected as a single piece.
17. (New) The skate of claim 10 wherein the single fastening member is vertically oriented.
18. (New) The skate of claim 10, wherein the heel portion is generally fixed longitudinally relative to the frame.
19. (New) An adjustable fit in-line skate comprising:
 - a frame having substantially parallel rails;
 - plurality of in-line skate wheels mounted between the rails, all the wheels of the skate being mounted on the frame;
 - boot including a heel portion, a cuff portion, and a toe portion;
 - the toe portion being slidable relative to the heel portion along a line of travel generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the skate, the toe portion including a guide track for guiding the toe portion relative to the heel portion as the toe portion is moved along the line of travel, wherein the guide track is spaced from the fastening member; and
 - fastening member releasably securing the toe portion in a desired longitudinal position to the frame relative to the heel portion.
20. (New) The adjustable fit in-line skate of claim 19, wherein the cuff portion is pivotally attached to the heel portion.

21. (New) The skate of claim 19, wherein the heel portion is generally fixed longitudinally relative to the frame.
22. (New) An adjustable in-line skate comprising:
 - a rigid frame having a plurality of in-line skate wheels secured thereto;
 - a boot including a heel portion, a toe portion and a cuff portion positioned generally above the heel portion;
 - the toe portion being slidable relative to the heel portion along a line of travel generally parallel to a longitudinal dimension of the skate; and
 - a liner having a heel end and a toe end, the liner sized for the toe end to be received within the toe portion, the heel end to be received within the heel portion of the boot, the liner including a generally inelastic heel region and an extendible region, wherein the extendible region is configured to allow the toe end and the heel end to be moved longitudinally relative to each other such that the liner can accommodate feet of different lengths.
23. (New) The skate of claim 22, wherein the heel portion is generally fixed longitudinally relative to the frame.
24. (New) The skate of claim 22, wherein the cuff portion is pivotally connected to the heel portion.
25. (New) An in-line roller skate comprising:
 - a frame having a plurality of in-line wheels attached thereto;
 - a boot having a boot toe section having a base, a top wall and sidewalls extending between the base and the top wall and a boot heel section, the boot toe section being slidable relative to the frame along a longitudinal axis;
 - a first surface that is fixed in position with respect to the frame;
 - a second surface that is fixed in position with respect to and moveable with the toe section as the toe section slides relative to the frame, the second surface being in

slidable contact with the first surface, the first and second surfaces being arranged so that the lateral forces exerted on the toe section are transmitted to the heel section through contact between the first and second surfaces; and

at least one fastening member for securing the toe section relative to the heel section; wherein each of the first surface and second surface is spaced from the at least one fastening member.

26. (New) The in-line skate of claim 25, wherein there is a single fastening member.
27. (New) The in-line skate of claim 26, wherein the fastening member includes a bolt.
28. (New) The in-line skate of claim 27, wherein the boot further comprises a generally horizontal footbed and the second surface extends vertically relative to the footbed.
29. (New) The in-line skate of claim 28, wherein the second surface is defined by a contour member that is connected to the toe section.
30. (New) The in-line skate of claim 28, wherein the first surface extends vertically relative to the footbed.
31. (New) The skate of claim 25 wherein the fastening member is located on the toe portion.